

Physical Therapist Assistants (31-2021)

Occupation description: Assist physical therapists in providing physical therapy treatments and procedures. May, in accordance with State laws, assist in the development of treatment plans, carry out routine functions, document the progress of treatment, and modify specific treatments in accordance with patient status and within the scope of treatment plans established by a physical therapist. Generally requires formal training.

Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	57	76	33.3	2	1	3
United States	67,400	98,200	45.7	3,080	1,040	4,120

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is robust with low employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2013 Wages ?

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	25.63	n/a	15.50	25.65	35.46
Alaska	27.23	30.66	34.09	18.91	31.10	41.83
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area (MSA)	28.11	32.65	37.19	23.80	33.25	42.62

Labor Force Indicators

2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
48	6	12.5	33.3	28.9

2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	20
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	9
UI claimants previously working in occupation	1

2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	34
Number of job position postings	7
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	4.9

2011 Alaska Licensing Information

Physical Therapy Assistant: 86 licensed

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: Associate degree

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: None

Training Resources

	Degree
Vocational Training and Resource Center	
Physical Therapy Aide	

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